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**"AN ACT EXTENDING FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE TO FOSTER PARENTS WHO ARE STATE EMPLOYEES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (g) of section 17a-11 of the 2006 supplement to  
4 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
5 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of sections 17a-1 to 17a-26,  
7 inclusive, and 17a-28 to 17a-49, inclusive, as amended, [to the  
8 contrary,] any person already under the care and supervision of the  
9 Commissioner of Children and Families who has passed such person's  
10 eighteenth birthday but has not yet reached such person's twenty-first  
11 birthday [.] may be permitted to remain voluntarily under the  
12 supervision of the commissioner, provided [said] the commissioner, in  
13 [said] the commissioner's discretion, determines that such person  
14 would benefit from further care and support from the Department of

15 Children and Families. Any person remaining voluntarily under the  
16 supervision of the commissioner pursuant to this subsection shall be  
17 entitled to a written plan for care and treatment, and review of such  
18 plan, in accordance with section 17a-15.

19 Sec. 502. Subsection (a) of section 17a-3 of the 2006 supplement to  
20 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
21 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

22 (a) The department shall plan, create, develop, operate or arrange  
23 for, administer and evaluate a comprehensive and integrated  
24 state-wide program of services, including preventive services, for  
25 children and youth whose behavior does not conform to the law or to  
26 acceptable community standards, or who are mentally ill, including  
27 deaf and hearing impaired children and youth who are mentally ill,  
28 emotionally disturbed, substance abusers, delinquent, abused,  
29 neglected or uncared for, including all children and youth who are or  
30 may be committed to it by any court, and all children and youth  
31 voluntarily admitted to, or remaining voluntarily under the  
32 supervision of, the [department] commissioner for services of any  
33 kind. Services shall not be denied to any such child or youth solely  
34 because of other complicating or multiple disabilities. The department  
35 shall work in cooperation with other child-serving agencies and  
36 organizations to provide or arrange for preventive programs,  
37 including but not limited to teenage pregnancy and youth suicide  
38 prevention, for children and youth and their families. The program  
39 shall provide services and placements that are clinically indicated and  
40 appropriate to the needs of the child or youth. In furtherance of this  
41 purpose, the department shall: (1) Maintain the Connecticut Juvenile  
42 Training School and other appropriate facilities exclusively for  
43 delinquents; (2) develop a comprehensive program for prevention of  
44 problems of children and youth and provide a flexible, innovative and  
45 effective program for the placement, care and treatment of children  
46 and youth committed by any court to the department, transferred to  
47 the department by other departments, or voluntarily admitted to the  
48 department; (3) provide appropriate services to families of children

49 and youth as needed to achieve the purposes of sections 17a-1 to  
50 17a-26, inclusive, 17a-28 to 17a-49, inclusive, as amended, and 17a-51;  
51 (4) establish incentive paid work programs for children and youth  
52 under the care of the department and the rates to be paid such children  
53 and youth for work done in such programs and may provide  
54 allowances to children and youth in the custody of the department; (5)  
55 be responsible to collect, interpret and publish statistics relating to  
56 children and youth within the department; (6) conduct studies of any  
57 program, service or facility developed, operated, contracted for or  
58 supported by the department in order to evaluate its effectiveness; (7)  
59 establish staff development and other training and educational  
60 programs designed to improve the quality of departmental services  
61 and programs, provided no social worker trainee shall be assigned a  
62 case load prior to completing training, and may establish educational  
63 or training programs for children, youth, parents or other interested  
64 persons on any matter related to the promotion of the well-being of  
65 children, or the prevention of mental illness, emotional disturbance,  
66 delinquency and other disabilities in children and youth; (8) develop  
67 and implement aftercare and follow-up services appropriate to the  
68 needs of any child or youth under the care of the department; (9)  
69 establish a case audit unit to monitor each area office's compliance  
70 with regulations and procedures; (10) develop and maintain a database  
71 listing available community service programs funded by the  
72 department; (11) provide outreach and assistance to persons caring for  
73 children whose parents are unable to do so by informing such persons  
74 of programs and benefits for which they may be eligible; and (12)  
75 collect data sufficient to identify the housing needs of children served  
76 by the department and share such data with the Department of  
77 Economic and Community Development."